

REMARKS

Claims 3-14, 17-20, and 22-23 have been canceled. Applicants amend pending claims 1-2, 15-16, 21, and 24 for clarification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-2, 15-16, 21, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,363,143 to Fox. Applicants amend claims 1-2, 15-16, 21, and 24 in a good faith effort to clarify the invention as distinguished from the cited reference, and respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner maintained this rejection by referring to step 302 described in Fox, where a query is made on whether a called user has an entry in a list of a call-coverage system, as alleged disclosure of the claimed provided information.

Applicants respectfully submit that this cited portion (step 302) of Fox only includes description of querying whether a called user has a list entry, and not whether a calling user has such an entry as contended by the Examiner on page 2, lines 12-13 of the Office Action. Applicant refers to col. 5, lines 41-44 of Fox which clear describes:

“When the switching system 101 receives a call *destined for* a user/subscriber, at step 300, it checks whether that user/subscriber has an entry 122 in list 121 of call-coverage system 120, at step 302.” (Emphasis added)

Therefore, Fox, as cited and relied upon by the Examiner, again, only describes a technique for allowing a called user program and pre-define call-coverage paths for automatically handling incoming calls destined for the called user, and does not disclose the claimed feature of providing information that is usable for *selecting, by a calling user, another communication service subscribed to by the called user* for connecting to the called user when a call to the called user is in a non-connectable state.

In other words, Fox, as cited and relied upon by the Examiner, fails to disclose,

“[a] communication service information providing method comprising the steps of:

receiving a call, which is transmitted from a calling subscriber for connecting to a called subscriber that subscribes to a plurality of communication services, said call being used to select one of the plurality of communication services; and providing information related to another communication service *subscribed to by the called subscriber* for connecting to the calling subscriber, the provided information being *usable for selecting, by the calling subscriber, said another communication service* when the call to the called subscriber is in a non-connectable state,” as recited in claim 1. (Emphasis added)

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit the claim 1 is patentable over Fox for at least the foregoing reasons. Claims 2, 15-16, 21, and 24 incorporate features that correspond to those of claim 1 cited above, and are, therefore, patentable over Fox for at least the same reasons.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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